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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL

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1. APPRECIATE DIFFICULT PROBLEM POSED BY ROKG ACTIONS
IN INVITING DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO INSPECT TUNNEL AND AGREE
THAT NO REPEAT NO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO KPA IS NOT A
FEASIBLE COURSE.

2. WE FORESEE POSSIBLE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES IN INVOLVING
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DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN ACKNOWLEDGED ARMISTICE VIOLATION,

PARTICULARLY IN EVENT OF STRONG HOSTILE KPA REACTION. AFTER INFORMING ROKG, YOU SHOULD PROCEED TO NOTIFY KPA SIDE OF PROPOSED VISIT AND SEEK JOINT APPROVAL (WITHOUT, OF COURSE, REFERENCE TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT VIOLATION WHICH VISIT WITHOUT APPROVAL WOULD REPRESENT.) HOWEVER, IN EVENT NORTH KOREAN REACTION STRONGLY NEGATIVE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GO AHEAD WITH INSPECTION BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS. IN THAT EVENT WE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR DENYING VISIT FIRMLY ON NORTH KOREANS.

3. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO ARRANGE MIXING NEWSMEN

VISIT WITH INTERESTED EMBASSY OFFICERS AND OTHERS IF THEY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO BE WITHIN DEFINITION OF AUTHORIZED MILITARY AND PRESS WHOSE PRESENCE REQUIRES ONLY NOTIFICATION AND NOT APPROVAL. REQUEST EMBASSY/CINCUNC COMMENTS ON THIS ALTERNATIVE.

4. ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/CINCUNC COMMENTS ON ADVISABILITY OF REQUESTING NNSC TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF TUNNEL.

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